

# Otto Kresse Dies, Pioneer Steel Executive

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STARS HERE . . . Director Gene Kelly (back to camera above) goes over scene with Walter Mathau (left) and Robert Morse during filming of 20th Century-Fox production "Guide for a Married Man" during location shots at a Waleria amusement park Wednesday and Thursday. At left, Kelly whose song and dance talents carried him to the top of Hollywood's star system, uses amplifier to give directions for a scene. These shots were captured during filming by Press-Herald Photographer Hal Fisher.



# Police Subdue Suspect During Hit-Run Probe

SIX INJURED

## Two-Car Crash Sends Girl to Area Hospital

Six persons were injured early yesterday in a two-car collision at Western Avenue and 190th Street.

One of the six was admitted to Little Company of Mary Hospital for observation following the 12:30 a.m. accident. The other five were treated for minor injuries and released.

Admitted to the hospital was Holly Laird, of 1533 Marcelina Ave. Miss Laird was a passenger in a car driven by Gary N. Harman, 19, of 2564 W. 239th St.

TORRANCE police said the



ENS. MILTON H. SARGENT Gets Assignment

## THS Grad Gets Navy Commission

Naval Ens. Milton H. (Mike) Sargent, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sargent of 2358 Sonoma Ave., has been assigned to duty on board the USS Northampton, CC1, operating out of Norfolk, Va.

Ens. Sargent reported for duty this month, following a leave which he spent in Torrance. He and his wife, the former Rebecca Miller of Torrance, now make their home in Norfolk.

The Northampton is a presidential communications command ship and was most recently used by President Lyndon Johnson for his trip to Campobello this summer.

Ens. Sargent graduated from California State College at Long Beach in June and was commissioned in August, following graduation from the Reserve Officers School in Newport, R.I. He has been attending a Navy communications school in Rhode Island.

A graduate of Torrance High School, Ens. Sargent is a past Master Councillor of the Torrance chapter of the Order of DeMolay. His wife is a graduate of South High School and had worked in a local department store since her graduation.

Both Herman and Johnson received minor injuries. They were treated, then released from the hospital.

THREE OTHER persons, all passengers in the Herman vehicle, also received minor injuries. They were Samuel O. Martin, of 2015 W. 238th St., and Jaqueline Grant and Arthur S. Grant, of 21220 S. Western Ave.

Miss Laird, who suffered multiple lacerations, was reported in good condition by hospital officials.

A Redondo Beach woman sustained minor injuries about 2:30 a.m. Saturday when she apparently fell asleep while driving and struck a parked car near Torrance Boulevard and Wood Avenue.

POLICE SAID Mrs. Loretta Richards, of 403 Sierra Vista Drive, suffered a cut upper lip. She was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and released. Mrs. Richards' 8-year-old son was not hurt in the crash.

A Rolling Hills Estate woman suffered minor injuries about 3:30 Friday afternoon in a two-car crash at Pacific Coast Highway and Vista del Parque.

TREATED at Bay Harbor Hospital in Harbor City was Mrs. Sharon G. Howlett.

Police said Mrs. Howlett's vehicle struck a car driven by Richard Alva Carr, of 26601 Narbonne Ave. Carr told officers he was slowing for traffic on Pacific Coast Highway when Mrs. Howlett's car struck his vehicle from behind.

Carr was not hurt in the accident.

## Business Machines, Cash Taken

Business machines and \$100 in cash was reported taken from a collection service office at 18051 Crenshaw Blvd. Friday.

Frank Frohnhoefer told police an adding machine and a check imprinter were taken along with a cash box containing \$75 in currency and a \$25 money order.

Police said the burglar apparently pried a screen open and smashed a window to gain entry to the offices.



OTTO A. KRESSE Pioneer Steelmaker Dies

## Funeral Set for Monday

Otto A. Kresse, Torrance industrialist and civic leader and the man who tapped the first "heat" of steel ever produced in California more than 50 years ago, is dead at the age of 79. Mr. Kresse, who lived at 1443 El Prado, died Friday morning.

A veteran steel industry executive, Mr. Kresse began his career in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1904 and rose to become general superintendent for the Torrance Works of U.S. Steel for 12 years until his retirement in 1952.

HE JOINED Wellman, Morgan Seaver Co. in Cleveland and built furnaces for the steel industry, coming to Pittsburg, Calif., in 1910 to build the new open hearths for the former Columbia Steel Co. He stayed on with the company as melter foreman and on Nov. 22, 1910 tapped the first California-produced steel.

He was transferred to the Torrance Works as open hearth superintendent in 1928. He was named assistant general superintendent in 1939 and became general superintendent in 1940.

MR. KRESSE was a member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for many years, and served on the board of directors for Torrance Memorial Hospital.

He also was a longtime member of the Torrance Rotary Club; the Pittsburg Masonic Lodge No. 429; The American Iron and Steel Institute; the Association of Iron, Steel Engineers; and the Los Angeles Quarter Century Metals Club.

He is survived by his widow, Susie Maude; two daughters, Georgia Jean Kresse of Torrance and Doris M. Manning, Fullerton; four grandchildren; a brother, Alvin. (See KRESSE on A-2)

## Three Officers Needed to Hold Struggling Man

A 21-year-old Torrance man was arrested early yesterday for interfering with police officers attempting to make out a report on a citizen's arrest.

David Bruce Hendrex, 2560 Torrance Blvd., was taken into custody after a struggle with three Torrance police officers when he became "combative and profane," according to Police Sgt. Tom Pattishall.

Police gave this account of the incident:

OFFICERS David Seibert and Gerald Butler were detailed to a parking lot at Torrance Boulevard and Laeene Avenue about 12:15 a.m. when Paul Francis Ruhl, 3403 W. 228th St., reported a hit and run accident.

Ruhl was giving officers information about the accident when he spotted the hit and run suspect driving west on Torrance Boulevard. The officers gave chase and returned to the parking lot with Dallas Luther Armstrong, 23 of 21829 Barbara St., and Hendrex, a passenger in the Armstrong vehicle.

Witnesses at accident scene identified Armstrong as the suspect who struck Ruhl's car and Ruhl then put Armstrong under citizen's arrest for failure to comply with provisions of the state Vehicle Code which requires a driver to report an accident.

SEIBERT AND Butler then called for Sgt. Pattishall to determine if the citizen's arrest was valid. When Pattishall arrived and was told about the incident, Armstrong

strong was taken into custody.

At that point, Sgt. Pattishall said, Hendrex became loud and profane and told officers they couldn't arrest Armstrong. Sgt. Pattishall said he warned Hendrex several times to "stay out of it." (See HIT-RUN on A-2)

## X-Ray Unit Sets Visit This Week

A mobile chest x-ray unit from the Los Angeles County Health Department will be in Torrance this week, according to Earl W. Kendrick, M.D., Torrance health officer.

The unit will be parked in the lot adjacent to the city plume, 3331 Torrance Blvd. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Hours will be 1 to 7 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

"The x-ray unit will take free chest x-rays of all persons 15 years of age and older," Dr. Kendrick said. Minors, however, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The county Health Department recommends an annual chest x-ray for all adults as a means of detecting tuberculosis and other chest diseases, Dr. Kendrick said. Tuberculosis can be treated most effectively during its early stages, he explained.

Dr. Kendrick urged all adults to take advantage of the free service and get a chest x-ray.

## Lomita Cyclist Hurt

Roger Johnson of 25625 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, was treated at Harbor General Hospital for injuries received Thursday when his cycle and a car driven by Albert Burner of San Pedro collided on Western Avenue in San Pedro. Four persons were injured here early Friday when cars driven by James Brown of Alabama and Sandra Krag of 2522 W. 237th St. collided at Torrance Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach. Treated and released at South Bay Hospital were the drivers and Henry Davis of El Segundo and Karen McGuire, 1811 Marinette Ave., both passengers in the Krag auto.

## New Fire Station Set

Award of a contract for construction of the city's fifth fire station is scheduled to be considered by City Councilmen when they convene Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. An apparent low bid of \$78,981 has been submitted by Rutter and Burdge Construction Co. of Long Beach. The station, to be located on Del Amo Boulevard just west of Hawthorne Boulevard, will serve the Victor Precinct and adjacent areas. Construction is scheduled to begin about 10 days after the award of the contract.

## Congressman Here Thursday

Congressman Alphonso Bell will speak to members and friends of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Junior Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening during a dinner meeting of the Jaycees in the banquet room of the Hunting Horn. The public has been invited to attend the 8 p.m. meeting, according to Adli Gaudhi, president of the sponsoring Jaycees. Program chairman is William Pol.

## Teacher Completes Work in New Guinea

A South High teacher has up plans for a small wood returned to his classroom shop which was to be built following a 10-month stay in New Guinea.

Charles Dripps and his family circled the globe on the way to the remote New Guinea village to which they were assigned by the World Brotherhood Exchange Program. Stops were made in Paris, Rome, Athens, the Holy Land, Calcutta, and Perth before their arrival in New Guinea in July, 1965.

Dripps, his wife, Lois, and two children, were assigned first to a small outpost on the coast of New Guinea. The family spent five months in the sub-tropical area before moving inland to a small settlement near Garoka. There, Dripps, an auto shop teacher at South, drew

## Thief Takes Car Radio

Theft of a car radio was reported to Torrance police Friday by Steven A. Nelson, 26, of 343 Palos Verdes Blvd. Nelson said his car was parked in the carport area adjacent to his apartment. The burglar pried open a window and cut the wires to the radio. The radio is valued at \$200.

## Concert Planned At West

West High's fourth annual Folk Music Concert has been scheduled for Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

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